

VOICE OF THE RESIDENTS

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FIRST ALL-RESIDENTS MEETING LIVELY AND INFORMATIVE

On Tuesday evening, November 20, 1979, at 8 o'clock, the Broadmead auditorium was used for the first time and the occasion was an informal meeting of Broadmead residents "in residence." The historic event was convened by Dr. Kenneth Walker and almost 100 persons enlivened the lovely room.

Dr. Walker briefly reviewed his years-long participation in the dream-to-reality of the Broadmead community and he paid tribute to the dedicated individuals who served with him on the Residents Planning Committee and who assumed responsibility for major projects which included the drafting of the Residents Association Constitution, By-Laws and ending Act (the revised version will be submitted to all charter residents sometime in December for action); the writing and publication of the Residents Handbook; designating temporary conveners of the committees concerned with the Country Store, Library, Program, and Voice of the Residents, Crafts, Recreation and Transportation.

Residents who moved in on or immediately after the September 24 opening of Broadmead were in a very important sense, "cluster representatives" supplementing the efforts of both an overworked and extraordinarily busy staff and the exceptionally capable corps of Board members.

The detailed planning and organizational work of the existing Committees is only now beginning to be visible.

Residents who wish to organize additional committees were urged to do so. Indeed, Dr. Walker (Ken) observed that the quality of life we will have to a large extent, will be shaped by the Residents." He added that there are funds in the Broadmead budget to help all com-

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CHRISTMAS-HANUKA FESTIVAL ON BROADMEAD'S PROGRAM

December 10 began Broadmead's Christmas-Hanuka Festival. On that day the Friends School Chamber Chorus sang the season's music in the dining room at one p. m., and in the auditorium at 1:30 p.m.

Seven days later, on Dec. 17, Broadmeaders will entertain themselves with caroling in the dining room at 6:30.

In the nearby community, there will be programs and exhibits in the schools, the libraries, and the churches.

Looking forward to January 7, 1980 (a Monday), Goucher College will sponsor an unusual free performance, featuring Beverly Sills, former Metropolitan opera star and now director of the New York City Opera. It will be a lecture-demonstration in Krausher Auditorium.

Eight days later is the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr., with a program in many schools and colleges. The highlight of the King anniversary, will be the fifth Martin Luther King Breakfast, sponsored by the YMCA of Central Maryland and attended every year by over 1,000 men and women, of all races and creeds. It begins at 7:30 a. m. January 15, and reservations are necessary.

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CHRISTMAS 1979

BETHLEHEM AND BALTIMORE COUNTY

ARE CENTURIES APART,

BUT LOVE AND TRUST,

HOPE AND FAITH,

MAY STILL POSSESS

THE HUMAN HEART.

Contributed by Bliss and LaVerne Forbush

FIRST ALL-RESIDENTS MEETING

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mittees to get underway and that the administration will make Holly House available to the Residents Association for its official headquarters. Further, when all charter Residents have entered Broadmead, there will be a meeting to transfer the reins from the temporary Residents Committee to the permanent Residents Association.

A Lively discussion followed and Martin Trueblood joined Kenneth Walker in answering--or fielding-----Residents' questions and suggestions. Among the issues discussed and the announcements made were the following: Permission has been requested to set aside suitable areas for those Residents who wish to smoke after meals; a bird and nature walk was scheduled for Thanksgiving Morning; some library books were lost to Hurricane David but, with the exception of these, a sizeable number were already catalogued and ready for presentation to the community as soon as the space is available (and the Library Committee is urgently in need of volunteers who can work one hour or more per week) It was also made known that the TV antenna will be installed as soon as the covered walks are completed; cluster washers and dryers will be activated, now that the obstacles have been removed (first Clusters A B F J N Q L and then P M K and R); efforts will be continued to ensure that those with reserved carport spaces will have access to them; walkway and carports will soon have lights installed and a good beginning has already been made; "apartment guides" (mmes. Booze, Casey, and Ritter) will when the current influx of Residents is settled, man the Reception Desk; until further notice, 628-6900 is to be used for all urgent night-time, non-medical emergencies. Additional storage space will become available within about 2 weeks time when the occupancy permit is expected for the lower level of the Community Building; drainage problems are being corrected systematically and steadily; for the first screened patio (500. optional charge) will soon be erected at R-3; filters controlling dust will be changed routinely by the management; solutions to the water problem are under study; better newspaper and trash facilities and pick-ups are on the way; shower doors have arrived and will soon be installed where they have been ordered.

Residents were urged to give their apartment numbers to all their correspondents because, otherwise, mail distribution will be seriously hampered and delayed.

Lingering and tenacious construction and equipment-performance problems were noted by Trueblood and Walker and maximum effort for their prompt alleviation was promised.

A final suggestion, well-received--by the audience, was that cluster representatives be encouraged to call cluster meetings in order to facilitate opportunities for Residents to become better acquainted.

Mildred Beck

RAINBOW OVER BROADMEAD
OMEN OF GOOD DAYS

"There's a rainbow over Broadmead! Have you seen it?" Hazel Fleming's voice carried a sense of wonder, or was it perhaps a prophetic pronouncement? Rushing from the phone, camera in hand, I found a glorious bow, over-arched by its double, embracing the whole of Broadmead

Many residents' hearts leaped up when they beheld it, for rainbows are looked upon as a good omen, a symbol of happiness; and as with happiness itself, a rainbow is found in a slightly different place by each person, depending upon his perspective.

Our Broadmead bow was high, complete and brilliantly colored because the sun was low in the west and large raindrops were falling over a wide area in the east. Had we been on a high mountain we might have seen a perfect circle; or flying, observed our plane's shadow centered in the rainbow ring. For the higher the observer and the lower the sun, the more perfect the effect.

Sunlight is composed of colors, unseen, until a ray strikes a transparent object like a chandelier crystal or a raindrop. The ray is then refracted (or bent) on entering and is separated into its seven component colors: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet. These colors, each with its own wave length and as they emerge from the raindrop, are further refracted into a wider spectrum. The combined spectra of millions of raindrops form the ordinary primary rainbow.

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If a fainter, secondary bow appears arches above the primary one and its colors are reversed, because the rays are reflected twice off the inner surface of each raindrop before emerging. Usually only four or five colors of either bow are visible to the human eye.

But back to earth and our Broadmead bow of November 26! Much has been said and written about rainbows; factually, fictionally, philosophically; but always favorably. Who is it that doesn't love a rainbow for whatever reason? Nancy Rowe

PROGRAM GIVES PRE-VIEW OF ITS FUTURE PLANS

The recent opening of the auditorium has made it possible to hold community-wide meetings and the Program Committee thought you would like to know something about the plans that are projected for the immediate future. Please watch the Bulletin board for meeting dates.

For everyone's holiday pleasure, several musical programs are being planned. We hope, even before this issue of the Voice reaches you, to have held a meeting of universal interest to all Residents on Broadmead's health services. Soon after that, there will be presentations to the Community by other key staff members about housekeeping and maintenance services, the food service operation, the responsibilities of apartment guides, receptionists, and others who are assigned to special tasks.

We know we can look forward to hearing from some of the Residents who have agreed to address the Community on some facet of the work they have done in the past or are currently engaged in.

The Committee wishes to be responsive to the interests of Residents and, in order to translate this hope into a rich and varied program, the Program Committee needs to hear from you.

Mildred Beck L-7, Convener Protem

CAN YOU INTERPRET THE FOLLOWING SIGNS OR SYMBOLS? Answers will be in next issue.

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"There is a time to weep and a time to laugh," says Ecclesiastes. This old Testament writer.....contended that "for everything there is a season." I am glad he included laughter. Religious people ought to remember that laughter is as much a part of God's order as is prayer.....

Genuine laughter--not the bitter cynical wisecrack or the vulgarity which is a substitute for real humor--arises out of a sense of well-being. Such a sense can come only from confidence in the ultimate trustworthiness of life.....

There is much cause for sorrow in this world. But there is also a time to laugh. L. D. Johnson (from Newsletter, Church of the Holy Trinity, Baltimore.)

WATCH BULLETIN BOARDS

Things happen so fast, and programs come to light every day--sometimes every hour, that it is impossible for the Voice of the Residents to announce what's around the corner. The Voice will do a better job on reporting what has happened--with your help. So, do read the bulletin board every day.

BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL

Black is really beautiful, especially if you have lived and wallowed in mud for weeks; especially if your car is covered in the brown stuff. Then, one day you see the men and machines spreading that black stuff--"black top"--paving the roadways and parking areas. Now you can have car washed. Now you can take a longer walk. Copper Beech drive is entirely paved--black-topped. Black can be really beautiful. By the way, the new outdoor lights are also beautiful.

WANT TRANSPORTATION?

If any person is in need of transportation in the area on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays in December or January and has not previously informed the Transportation Committee of this need, please leave a note with the Receptionist as soon as possible. If there is any questions, please telephone Claire Walker 628-7435.

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MAN WHO MOVES MOUNTAINS

TOM EWING

We have been aware of the massive mound of top soil known as "The Mesa" or "Mud Mountain", which is in the area bounded by the Center Building, Cluster A, Cluster B, and Cluster C.

The day came, in the exciting development of Broadmead, when a great "front-loader" came down to the base and started to take huge mouthfuls of soil, carefully placing them in one of the three brightly colored trucks awaiting it. The soil was then taken to be spread over areas in the center of the clusters, and side areas to be landscaped.

We soon realized that the driver of the front-loader, in his black peaked cap, was an enthusiastic and friendly man. When he arrives in the morning he looks toward our window and waves. When he saw us hold up pictures we had taken of him in action, he turned off the motor and came to see them.

Tom Ewing is the owner-operator of his Case equipment. He comes here from Edgewood, Md.

He thinks he has German antecedents, but said: "I was the youngest of eight children and I didn't know my grandparents. No, I don't work for a contractor. This is my machine. People know I do a good job." He was employed by Broadmead for one day, but has been kept week after week. "I put my heart into my work," he volunteered.

His son came to see his father work one day. "He wants to go into business. He's only seventeen now and he manages a store. He wants to do this work. He's built stocky like me." Mr. Ewing told of the new home he is moving into in the country. "We were too cramped up in town."

Mr. Ewing showed his great artistry when a truck driver pointed out an about 3 x 5 inch piece of metal which was bent. Mr. Ewing put one prong of the massive front-loader down on this tiny piece and pushed it down just enough to straighten it out.

The day after Thanksgiving we asked if he would be here when our great niece and nephew and their children came at 2:30. "Yes he would." When they came, he waved, put on a fine show for them, and then went home. This kind man promised Claire Walker's mother to save the small tree on the top of the mountain. Carefully he dug it up, put it in the cab of the front-loader, drove it over to the patio, and carefully placed it where she wanted it. Another friend for Broadmead.

Margaret T. Bouchelle

MEMORIES OF CHRISTMAS SHARED BY BROADMEADERS

Back in 1938 Dorothy Thompson wrote Once on Christmas in which she described "what Christmas was like..... before people came home for Christmas in airplanes, thirty odd years ago". Lois Lenski's illustrations added to the quaint charm of this miniature hardback.

Now forty years later, Broadmead residents could elaborate their memories of seventy years ago into a whole library of miniatures. Ah, those christmasses when we wanted to sleep away the night before Christmas morning's glittering magic, while a different Morpheus turned his back! How many memories we could put together!

Christmas seems to have revolved in Baltimore around the Christmas tree and garden, which might include a nativity scene, but certainly had to have an electric train more elaborately laid out with each passing year. Bob Bouchelle used to start on the electric train set-up in a special room of the house, as early as October.

Whether supplemented with garden and train or not, the tree usually had to be hidden from the children and trimmed in one night while they were asleep. In stealthy excitement the children crept down early Christmas morning before the adults wanted to be awake, to see if Santa Claus really came. Ted Baker remembers a year when his sister came back upstairs and whispered that Santa Claus had "done the strangest thing"--hanging pliers and hammers and other tools among the ornaments. The tree was so fresh the branches wouldn't unfold, and their parents had to resort to weights which they did not have time to remove the next morning.

Margaret Bouchelle was one of twelve children in the family home near Gettysburg. There the preparation of the tree was shared and done well in advance, with the final touches on Christmas Eve put on by those of the children who had passed the stage of believing in Santa Claus (Mildred Tyson stopped believing in Santa Claus at six or seven when she discovered that there wasn't any Easter Bunny). Catherine Donnelly remembers a tree frozen solid in its bucket; by the time the coast was clear for the adults to prepare the Christmas surprise, little time was left for them for sleeping that Christmas Eve.

Moving farther west, LaVerne Forbush's childhood days in Ohio involved long hours spent making the ornaments for the tree. Only homemade ones were used; colored paper chains, and strings of popcorn and cranberries which were put out after Christmas for the bird's winter feast. But in Butler, Missouri, Mattie Groben never saw a christmas tree till she went east to her young husband's Hometown in western New York State. What she remembers

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about Christmas, as a child, is 25¢ under each plate, an orange and new mittens waiting behind the kitchen stove where the stockings were hung--their own stockings, that is, not fancy ones from a gift shop.

Several residents interviewed made the same comment: Gifts we remember were clothing, not toys. Anything else tended to be wanted equipment. Santa Claus received fervent pleas for sleds, skis, wrist watches, a basketball perhaps. The writer begged for a metronome one year--seems a little odd now.

Some children could not wait to see what Christmas would bring, and warily hunted the house beforehand. Ken Walker ruefully remembers from his Illinois years spilling the beans around age 11 about his younger brother's coveted bicycle. The brother was a hunter. Ken's parents took him into their confidence to help conceal the surprise, but in his excited anticipation, as his parents and brother were going out the door on a "distraction" errand Christmas Eve, Ken called after them: "Shall I bring the bicycle down?"

Bliss Forbush's delight as a child in Boston was receiving seven or eight books on Christmas, prizes from among those reviewed for the Pilgrim Press by his Congregational-minister father. In Marjorie Wolff's Baltimore family they had an unusual custom: the seven children took turns sitting in a certain chair and receiving all their gifts.

Jim Fleming remembers that, in the Virgin Islands where he was born, there was no Santa Claus as he grew up. There was "Father Christmas" and the fat roundish man delivered his toys and other gifts through the key* hole. On the Christmas table was not a turkey, but a baked young goat (a kid) flanked by Danish ham. The Christmas cake was sweetbread, cousin to our mainland fruitcake.

Those early dour Quakers with their lofty disdain of holiday merry-making might wish to disown their descendants. Ted Baker, turned Quaker after his marriage into the group, puts it this way: They considered that if you do not celebrate the occasion of Christmas and Easter every day, there is no point in celebrating them at all. Twentieth-century Quakers seem to have joined the rest of the Christians in welcoming the Pilgrim's turkey again so soon after Thanksgiving.

But where else outside Baltimore was sauerkraut a "must" with turkey? Mildred Tyson recalls the making as much as the eating. In the fall some of the relatives gathered with their bushels of cabbages to salt

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weight down the kraut in huge barrels which were then tapped weekly all winter.

A more general practice was roasting and serving turkey without any sauerkraut but with every imaginable kind of stuffing. Seasoning required onions, of course, but also the addition of giblets, oysters, chestnuts, or other nuts and herbs. Naturally the whole range of vegetables and sweetmeats played its part in Christmas feasting, but Claire Walker as an Easterner in Illinois has never recovered from her incredulity that Mid-Westerners considered ground beef an absolute necessity in mince meat, and no meatless pie deserved respect, no matter how rich in fruits, nuts and brandy.

Sad it is, what has happened to the activities that distinguished the season when we were young--or rather to the potential for enjoyment these simple pleasures represented then. The family caroling, homemade puppet shows and mimes, parlor games, and especially spur-of-the-moment visiting one another,--what has become of them? Will they make a comeback at Broadmead?

Claire Walker

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

The Broadmead Community is approaching its first Christmas Season. As Christmas approaches we truly have much to be thankful for--the weather, which was so much of a problem in August and September, has changed in the last two months and during this time the sidewalks, covered walkways, grading, etc., have largely been completed. Broadmead will be essentially complete this year except for seeding of the areas not done by December 1 and the completion of the storm water management area, which cannot be done until the grass has grown.

Those of us involved in the creation of our community have felt much like a parent feels awaiting the birth of a child--we know the probable general appearance of the child but we can only hope that the personality that develops meets our expectations. The Broadmead Community already has its own unique personality. Clearly it is a community of persons who care about each other and enjoy each other and the Residents have developed a comfortable, friendly relationship with the Staff.

The past weeks have been exhausting ones for our Staff. They have not only been learning their new jobs but at the same time solving move-in problems that are over and above their normal tasks.

They will catch up in the weeks to come and will complete all of the extras and special services you have requested.

Meanwhile, you can help, if you remember the following:

1. We must work to a schedule--let the department head establish the work assignment.
2. The Staff is tired.
3. Avoid multiple requests both to the same person and particularly, please avoid involving more than one person in the same issue.
4. Deliver all requests to the reception desk.
5. Obtain information from the reception desk whenever possible.
6. Read the Bulletin Board.

TIMONIUM ROTARY CLUB MEETS

First of outside groups to use the facilities of Broadmead is the Rotary club of Timonium, of which Martin Trueblood is a member. Some 30 Rotarians gathered one evening last month for a dinner-meeting. They were very favorably impressed.

It is hoped that other non-profit organizations will, from time to time, also meet at Broadmead--one way of sharing the community.

IN MEMORIAM

H. K. Douglas Cotton

November 21, 1979

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Voice:

Congratulations. It's wonderful.
An inspiration. Remessen Wood
Ryderwood, Md.

Dear Voice:

Congratulations on "Voice of the Residents." Thanks for sharing your "new life" Sounds good. Nothing like being born again.
B. Floyd Flickinger, President Maryland Poetry Society, Baltimore.

Dear Voice:

This is to convey my warmest thanks to Broadmead Residents, staff and Board members for the sympathy and good wishes which they have expressed to me since I entered the hospital. I hope to see you all soon again.
Helen Baldwin
Baltimore General Hospital

COUNTRY STORE OPENS IN TIME
FOR YULETIDE SEASON

The Broadmead Country Store has come out of hiding; and is slowly spreading its wings. It is receiving many suggestions from the residents

"Since this is really the residents' store, we do want to have the things they want and need," declares Marie Phillips.

It will be hard to get stock this late in the season. However stock is still coming in. UNICEF Xmas cards and an order of scarves and hats have arrived. So have birdseed and birdhouses.

"We are taking orders for special items for the residents who cannot get out to shop," according to Phillips. These orders should be placed with us on Mondays. Our volunteers are anxious to cover as many of your needs as we can! "We all wish you a Merry Xmas and a New Year when everyone has knobs on their kitchen cabinets and no muddy shoes!"

CHRISTMAS-HANUKA FESTIVAL.....

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In the week before Christmas, refreshments will be served in the lounge, beginning at 11 a. m. Watch the bulletin board for details, according to Mary Stuart, staff program coordinator.

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A "potluck" party is planned for Christmas Eve, beginning at 7:30 p. m. in the upstairs lounge. In the words of Ms. Stuart, "Everyone is requested to bring a goodie to share. Since Broadmead is renowned for its cooks and bakers, this should be the feast of the season."

For those not cooks, crackers and nuts lend themselves to the potluck objectives.

Guests of Broadmead residents are welcome. Just as important, helpers are needed to make the affair possible. Those who expect to attend the supper and those who wish to help are asked to sign the respective sheets on the bulletin board.

New Year's Party? If you wish to help plan this year's-end affair, leave a note for Mary Stuart at the reception desk. If no volunteer planners, no Party.

Back to Christmas, if you can take a resident to Christmas Eve church service or if you wish a ride, please sign on the sheets indicated. This is a time when carpooling can be both fun and a convenience.

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AND EVERYONE THE
VERY BEST OF
HOLIDAYS

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